

EXAMINER'S RESTRICTION:

The Examiner has required under 35 U.S.C. § 121 restriction between claims 23 and 24, and further between claims 25 and 26. Responsively, Applicant amends claim 23 to alternatively claim separate or joint forging, and claim 25 has been amended to depend from claim 26. By said amendments, the asserted bases for restriction have been removed.

The undersigned representative requests any extension of time that may be deemed necessary to further the prosecution of this application.

The undersigned representative authorizes the Commissioner to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 14-1437, Order No. 00173.0038.PCUS00.

In order to facilitate the resolution of any issues or questions presented by this paper, the Examiner should directly contact the undersigned by phone to further the discussion.

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Respectfully submitted,

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